

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method for detecting interlace motion artifacts comprising:
 - a) detecting a presence of multiple vertical frequencies in an image;
 - b) analyzing relative levels of the presence of multiple vertical frequencies wherein the relative levels are determined, at least in part, based on a plurality of varying sample set sizes of multiple vertical frequencies; and
 - c) deriving an indication of a presence of motion artifactsdetecting interlace motion artifacts based on the analyzed relative levels.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:A method for detecting interlace motion artifacts comprising:
 - a) detecting a presence of multiple vertical frequencies in an image;
 - b) analyzing relative levels of the presence of multiple vertical frequencies;
 - c) detecting interlace motion artifacts based on the analyzed relative levels;
 - ad) determining an overall measure of image intensity and dynamic range; and
 - be) compensating the indication of the presence of the for the detection of interlace motion artifacts in areas of at least one of low luminosity [[or]] and contrast.
3. (Currently amended) A method for the detection of interlaced motion artifacts comprising:
 - a) obtaining eight vertically aligned luma data samples;
 - b) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a f_{max} value;
 - c) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a $f_{max}/2$ value; and
 - d) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a $f_{max}/4$ value.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:
 - a) obtaining four vertically aligned luma data samples;
 - b) calculating a second f_{max} value; and
 - c) passing the f_{max} value, the $f_{max}/2$ value, the $f_{max}/4$ value and the second f_{max} value through a filter resulting in a filtered f_{max} value, a filtered $f_{max}/2$ value, a filtered $f_{max}/4$ value and a filtered second f_{max} value.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the filtered values are obtained by:
 - a) obtaining a first and second previous f_{max} values, a current f_{max} value and a next and second next f_{max} values;
 - b) doubling the first previous, current and next f_{max} values;
 - c) summing the doubled first previous, current and next f_{max} values with the second previous and second next f_{max} value; and
 - d) dividing the sum by 8.

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10. (Currently amended) A method for the prevention of false detection of interlace motion artifacts comprising:
 - a) obtaining a plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values;
 - b) comparing the plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values to a threshold; and
 - c) adjusting the plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values based upon the comparison wherein the plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values are adjusted at least in part, by subtracting a variable multiple from the plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values based on a value of f_{max} .

11. (Currently amended) ~~The A method of claim 10 for the prevention of false detection of interlace motion artifacts comprising: wherein the plurality of f_{max} frequency detection values comprises~~
- a) obtaining a composite f_{max} frequency detection value, a level-boosted f_{max}/2 frequency detection value and a level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value;
 - b) comparing the composite f_{max} frequency detection value, the level-boosted f_{max}/2 frequency detection value and the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value to a threshold; and
 - c) adjusting the composite f_{max} frequency detection value, the level-boosted f_{max}/2 frequency detection value and the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value based upon the comparison.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is adjusted by:
- a) comparing the composite f_{max} frequency detection value to a first low frequency threshold;
 - b) multiplying a first low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{max}/2 frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{max} frequency detection value if the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is less than the first low frequency, threshold; and
 - c) multiplying a second low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{max} frequency detection value if the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is greater than the first low frequency threshold.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is adjusted by:
- a) comparing the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value to a second low frequency threshold;
 - b) multiplying a third low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{max} frequency detection value if the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value is less than the second low frequency threshold; and
 - c) multiplying a fourth low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{max}/4 frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{max}

frequency detection value if the level-boosted $f_{max}/4$ frequency detection value is greater than the second low frequency threshold.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising setting the composite f_{max} frequency detection value to zero if the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is less than zero.
15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the composite f_{max} frequency detection value is lowpass filtered.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the lowpass filtering is comprises:
 - a) obtaining a first and second previous f_{max} values, the composite f_{max} frequency detection value and a next and second next f_{max} values;
 - b) doubling the first previous, and next f_{max} values;
 - c) octupling the composite f_{max} frequency detection value;
 - d) summing the doubled first previous f_{max} value, the doubled next f_{max} value, the octupled f_{max} frequency detection value with the second previous and second next f_{max} value; and
 - e) dividing the sum by 8.
17. (Canceled)